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SUBJECT: NOTE OF PROTEST FROM YUGOSLAVIA'S MISSION RE-
GARDING GRANT OF BAIL TO CROAT TERRORISTS

REF: USUN 2165

1. YUGOSLAVIA'S ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, MINISTER MUJEZINOVIC, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR LEONARD AFTERNOON, JULY 8 TO DELIVER ON INSTRUCTIONS STRONG NOTE OF PROTEST REGARDING GRANT OF BAIL TO CROAT TERRORIST (REFTEL). LEONARD TOOK VIGOROUS ISSUE WITH PARAGRAPH IN NOTE IMPLYING THAT GRANT OF BAIL CONTRADICTED UNITED STATES ASSURANCES OF ACTION TO PREVENT REPETITION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA'S OFFICES. LEONARD AS WELL AS LEGAL COUNSELOR REIS STRESSED THAT OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH COULD NOT INFLUENCE DECISIONS OF JUDICIAL BRANCH ON MATTER SUCH AS THIS. THEY STRESSED ALSO THAT GRANTS OF BAIL WOULD NOT AFFECT TRAIL OF TERRORISTS AND EVENTUAL DECISIONS OF THE COURTS. FURTHERMORE, LEONARD AND REIS STRONGLY DISAGREED WITH THE STATEMENT IN NOTE THAT THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT TO GRANT BAIL
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AMOUNTED TO AN ENCOURAGEMENT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. TEXT OF THE YUGOSLAV NOTE FOLLOWS.

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENT ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND WISHES TO PROTEST AND TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND SURPRISE AND INDIGNATION AT THE DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK, AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, TO SET FREE ON BAIL THE USTASHI TERRORIST MARIJAN BUCONJIC, JOZO BREKALO AND VLADIMIR DIZDAR WHO, ON JUNE 14, 1977 CARRIED OUT A CRIMINAL ARMED ATTACK ON THE PREMISE OF THIS MISSION AND SHOT AND SEVERELY WOUNDED MR. RADOMIR MEDIC, A MEMBER OF THE STAFF OF THIS MISSION, WHO IS STILL IN HOSPITAL.

THE UNITED STATES MISSION, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, ARE WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE USTASHI CRIMINAL BUCONJIC, BREKALO AND DIZDAR COMMITTED THEIR CRIME DELIBERATELY AND THAT, WITH THIS PURPOSE IN MIND, THEY MADE USE OF FIREARMS AND SHOT WITHOUT ANY HESITATION AN UNARMED STAFF MEMBER OF THIS MISSION WHO WAS ON OFFICIAL DUTY. THE UNITED STATES MISSION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARE JUST AS WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE USTASHI CRIMINALS INTENDED TO KIDNAP THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS, AMBASSADOR JAKSA PETRIC, OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, AS THE TERRORISTS ADMITTED

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THEMSELVES. THE FACT THAT THE TERRORIST WERE CAUGHT IN THE ACT, WITH WEAPONS IN THEIR HANDS, THAT THEY INVADDED THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION FORCIBLY AFTER HAVING SHOT AND SEVERELY WOUNDED MR. MEDIC AND THAT THEY TOLD AMERICAN POLICE OFFICERS THAT THEY WERE HOLDING HOSTAGES WHILE IN THE PREMISES OF THE MISSION SHOWS WITHOUT ANY DOUBT THAT THIS TERRORIST ATTACK AND WOUNDING OF THE STAFF MEMBER OF THIS MISSION HAD BEEN PLANNED BEFOREHAND AND WERE CARRIED OUT WITH PREMEDIATION. IT IS THEREFORE RATHER STRANGE AND INCONCEIVABLE THAT THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK, AND THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, COULD BRING THE DECISION TO SET FREE ON BAIL THESE CRIMINALS WHO ARE PREPARED TO COMMIT THE MOST SERIOUS CRIMES.

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THE UNITED STATES MISSION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES ARE ACQUINTED WITH THE ACTS COMMITTED BY
THE USTASHI TERRORISTS AGAINST THIS MISSION AND ITS MEMBERS,
AS WELL AS AGAINST THE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, IN RECENT
TIMES. THE THREATENING OF MEMBER OF THE MISSION, SHADOWING
AND INTERCEPTING OF MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES, THREATS UTTERED
OVER THE TELEPHONE AND SIMILAR ACTS HAVE BECOME A CONSTANT
PRACTICE OF USTASHI TERRORISTS.

IN SPITE OF THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY OFFICIAL
UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT SUCH ACTS WOULD BE PREVENTED,
EXACTLY THE CONTRARY IS HAPPENING. THE PERPETRATORS OF SUCH
ACTS ARE RELEASED UNPUNISHED OR ARE SET FREE PENDING THE
PASSING OF SENTENCE. SUCH A BEHAVIOUR ON THE PART OF THE
OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES SHOWS THAT THE
CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF USTASHI TERRORISTS AGAINST THE
PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS MEMBER ARE TOLERATED BY THE OFFICIAL
ORGANS OF THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPHASIZE
AGAIN THAT SUCH A BEHAVIOUR OF OFFICIAL UNITED STATES ORGANS
IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE OBLIGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION AND NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF
THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
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YUGOSLAVIA AS WELL AS OTHER MISSION OR THE S.F.R. OF
YUGOSLAVIA IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE SETTING FREE ON BAIL OF THE USTASHI CRIMINALS
BUCONJIC, BREKALO AND DIZDAR CONFIRMS THIS MISSION IN ITS
BELIEF THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, REGARDLESS
OF GIVEN ASSURANCES, HAS NOT TAKEN MEASURES TO PREVENT THE
ACTIVITY OF TERRORIST GROUPS IN ITS TERRITORY AGAINST THE

SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS MISSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE LATEST DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT AMOUNT TO AN ENCOURAGEMENT OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA AND ITS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES, AND FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY ARISE THEREFROM RESTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

NEW YORK, 8 JULY 1977. UNQUOTE

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